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The reply filed on 5/5/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant has not fully responded to the prior Office Action mailed 4/5/05 specifically in paragraphs 4, 6, and 7 of that Office Action.

- 1. Paragraph 4 of office action mailed 4/5/05 mentions that applicant has not comply to the description of drawings for Figs. 36 and 37 so that they are described as Prior Art - or - conventional art - in the **description of drawings** in the specification since both figures 36 and 37 are labeled as "PRIOR ART" in the drawings. Applicant still has not responded to this.
- 2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

As to page 32 of substitute specification filed 5/5/05, line 22, "the toner hopper 97" and lines 22-23, "the opening 99" are not consistent with previous amended "toner hopper 99" in line 18 of the same page.

As to page 64, lines 13-14, "initial-tear-regions such as ... 151 and 153"; line 16,."masked areas 151 and 153"; lines 17-18, "liner 151, 153"; lines 22-23, "liner 151, 153; line 24, "mask 151"; and page 64, line 26 and page 65, line 1, "adhesive liner 151 ... 153 are inconsistent.

As to page 64, line 15, "end-of-the-tear regions ... 152, 154"; lines 17-18, "liner 152 and 154"; line 24, "mask ... 152"; page 64, line 26 and page 65, line 27, "adhesive liner ... 152, ... and 154" are inconsistent.

Appropriate correction is required.

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3. Applicant has again not responded to the paragraph in the first office action mailed 3/29/04 that mentions the use of trademarks in the application should be accompanied by the generic terminology. See MPEP 608.01 (v). Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which

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4. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities:

As to claim 6, line 1, "said at least one kiss-cut" should be - - said at least one kiss-cut release liner - - .

Appropriate correction is required.

might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention

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disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

A listing of registered patent attorneys and agents is available on the USPTO Internet web site http://www.uspto.gov in the Site Index under "Attorney and Agent Roster." Applicants may also obtain a list of registered patent attorneys and agents located in their area by writing to the Mail Stop OED, Director of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan S. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2137. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri., 10:30-8:00, Second Monday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Art Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136 or 571-272-2800 (Ext. 52). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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